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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 28, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before May 28, 2008.

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